

# HOUSTON BELT & TERMINAL RAILWAY COMPANY

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January 27, 1981

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Diana Dutton, Director  
Enforcement Division (6AE)  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Region VI  
1201 Elm Street  
Dallas, Texas 72270

Dear Ms. Dutton:

This is in reply to your letter of January 23, 1981 addressed to C. E. Satterfield, Superintendent, Houston Belt & Terminal Railway Company concerning the contaminated waste found on the right-of-way of the Houston Belt & Terminal Railway Company at Wallisville Road in Houston, Texas.

The information you received from the Rollins Environmental Services is correct, and they indeed did remove the surface contaminants from the Houston Belt & Terminal's right-of-way on January 20, 1981. After we were first made aware of this problem on January 13, 1981, we contacted the Rollins Environmental Services Company and after an on site inspection was made and samples were taken, the representatives of the Rollins Co. contacted Mr. Dennis Guild of the E.P.A. and it was Mr. Guild's decision that we remove the surface piles only, and that a more extensive study would then be made by the E.P.A. to determine the extent of the area and the intensity of the contamination. After such a study has been completed then a plan for any further necessary clean-up would be devised, and the areas of responsibility will be determined.

Attached, please find a copy of a letter from Rollins Environmental Services, Inc. to Mr. Bruce Elliot of the E.P.A. This letter contains all of the information that we now have on this subject and constitute the final report on the clean-up.

Please note in Mr. Bridges' letter to Mr. Elliot that they have submitted four samples to an independent laboratory for analysis, and I asked that Mr. Bridge furnish you a copy of the report, as well as to Mr. Elliot.

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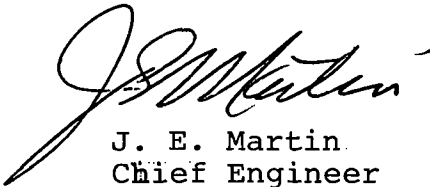
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As a matter of information, we did post signs marking the area as requested by Messrs. Guild and Turner. The Houston Belt & Terminal Railway Company was completely unaware of the contaminated material on it's right-of-way until notified of it's presents by the E.P.A. and had nothing to do with it's presents on our right-of-way. We would be very happy to learn the origin of the material and the party or parties responsible for it being there. Should this information be developed in the Environmental Protection Agency's study, we would appreciate very much receiving such information.

I trust that the attached information is satisfactory.

Sincerely,

  
J. E. Martin  
Chief Engineer

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